Karnataka, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu have schemes of reservation for women in Government service.

Right to Education

2048. SHRIR.K.ANAND:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government aim to achieve the goal of the Right to Education, as per article 45 of Directive Principles on State Policy, which were to be achieved in 1960 and remain unrealized despite Supreme Courtjudgement in the case of Unnikrishna J.P. *versus* State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether alternative measures, such as vocational training, are being implemented for non-academically inclined students, so as to ensure that they can earn a livelihood; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI) (a) Action is being taken to draft a legislation in pursuance of the Constitution (Eighty Sixth) Amendment Act, which seeks to make "provision of free and compulsory education to children in the 6-14 years age group", a Fundamental Right.

(b) and (c) Work Education is already one of the curricular areas recommended for the upper primary stage in the National Curricular Framework for School Education, 2000. States have been requested to improve its transaction, and also to introduce training in local crafts and livelihood skills as part of work education at the Upper Primary stage in selected schools on pilot basis.

A Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education is also being implemented at the +2 level to enhance employability of those not interested in pursuing higher education.

National Institute of Open Schooling also offers vocational courses independently or in combination with academic subjects at the Secondary and Senior Secondary levels.